

critical compression stress = A/B

wherein A represents the compression strength determined by JIS-P 8126, and B represents the area of a specimen, as set forth in JIS-P 8126 in the determination of the compression strength, and

(4) an amount of compression deformation, caused by applying compression stress of 20 kgf/cm² in the thickness direction, of at least 10 %.

7. (Amended) The molding base paper according to claims 1 to 6, further comprising on at least one surface thereof a crack preventing layer having an elongation at break of at least 5 %.

10. (Amended) The molding base paper according to claim 1, further comprising a synthetic resin layer on at least one surface thereof.

15. (Amended) A molded paper vessel formed by drawing the molding base paper according to claim 1.

16. (Amended) The molded paper vessel according to claim 15, which complies with the following formula:

$$0.15 \leq H/(S2)^{1/2}$$

wherein S2 represents the area of the opening at the top of the vessel and H represents the height.

[Please add the following new claims:]

17. (New) The molding base paper according to claim 3, further comprising a synthetic resin layer on at least one surface thereof.

18. (New) A molded paper vessel formed by drawing the molding base paper according to claim 3.

19. (New) A molded paper vessel formed by drawing the molding base paper

according to claim 17.

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20. (New) The molded paper vessel according to claim 18, which complies with the following formula:

$$0.15 \leq H/(S2)^{1/2}$$

wherein S2 represents the area of the opening at the top of the vessel and H represents the height.

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